



Begin feels too ill to go to Herzog

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin feels physically incapable of presenting his formal resignation to the president at this time. Begin has been secluded at his home, indisposed, for the past week.

Legally, he can submit his written, formal resignation by messenger, but he is loath to adopt this unprecedented procedure, which in his eyes would lack dignity.

Compounding his dilemma is Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's legal opinion, issued yesterday evening, that if Begin does not formalize his resignation soon, his announcement to the cabinet 17 days ago of his intention to resign will lapse into ineffectiveness. He would then have to start the whole process again, with a new announcement to the cabinet.

The premier's close and loyal aides insist that he is not ill, notwithstanding rumours to the contrary. But beneath these bland, determined assertions, there is profound sadness and concern over his physical condition.

It is now acknowledged that this physical deterioration was the "personal reason" that prompted Begin to call off his visit to Washington in July.

The prime minister, it is understood, hopes that this current period of rest at home will strengthen him sufficiently to be able to go in person to President Chaim Herzog and submit his resignation — a ceremony which scores of world media representatives would want to photograph and record.

Meanwhile, the premier has not divested himself, even temporarily, of the powers and burdens of his office. While he asked his deputy, David Levy, to chair Sunday's cabinet meeting, he has not asked Levy to fulfil the other duties of the premiership. In other words, section 19 of the Basic Law: The Government has not been invoked. This section empowers the cabinet to appoint a temporary replacement for the prime minister if he is "unable to perform his duties."

In practice, though, according to informed sources, Begin has not played an active role in decision-making for at least the past several days. The foreign minister and defence minister, who in the past would constantly involve Begin in their operational consultations over Lebanon have in recent days been consulting — and deciding — without him.

Begin's aides say the premier is keeping closely abreast of political and military developments while at home, receiving and reading his regular load of intelligence and diplomatic traffic.

Zamir, in his legal opinion written at the request of Levy, says that a "reasonable" delay between a prime minister's announcement of his intention to resign and the formal act of resignation is natural and acceptable. After all, the requirement (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



Defence Minister Moshe Arens talks to soldiers along the Awali River line in Lebanon. Chief of Staff Moshe Levy is seated left, front row. (IPPA)

Arens tours IDF line along Awali

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

METULLA. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday toured the new Israel Defence Forces line along the Awali River. Shells could be heard exploding in the nearby Shouf mountains.

Arens spoke to the troops and heard detailed accounts of the new deployment from officers and men. He was accompanied by IDF Chief of Staff Rav-Aliuf Moshe Levy and OC Northern Command Amir Drori.

Discussing the situation in Lebanon, Arens stated: "We will act to make it difficult for the terrorists to enter the area which we have evacuated. We are maintain-

ing ties with the Druze, and requesting of them, demanding of them, to prevent the terrorists from drawing close to our lines — in practice to remove the terrorists from their ranks, from their villages. Time will tell whether they will indeed do this. I assume that those who have friendly relations with us, and there are many Druze like this, will attempt to do this."

In reply to a question, whether the war was worthwhile, Arens stated: "Indeed, this is a day for introspection, not only because it is during the Days of Awe, but also since, from observation of what was done, I think that all of us see the situation more clearly than we did

previously, and all of those people, all of those demonstrators, and all of those leaders who demanded leaving Lebanon, and to return to the international border, without stopping at the Awali River — we've heard such calls lately — I would be very surprised whether there is still a single Israeli, after reading the newspapers in the past days, after listening to television in the past days, who does not support the policy of the IDF deployment on the Awali."

The remarks were made by Arens in conversations with soldiers and journalists at a press conference at the Abiri Bridge over the Awali, west of Jezzine.

Labour in secret efforts to form a new coalition

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party leaders yesterday continued secret meetings with members of the government in an attempt to form an alternative coalition.

These meetings were held despite the public agreement Monday night by leaders of the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael, Tami, Tebiya and MK Haim Druckman (Matzad) to form a new coalition headed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is expected to replace outgoing Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Israel Television said last night the main meeting was between Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and MK Avraham Shapira of Agudat Yisrael, the coalition chairman. Peres declined to comment on this element of the TV report, and Shapira evaded reporters, while Aguda spokesman Arye Frankel denied the meeting took place.

It was also learned that former justice minister Haim Zadok and MK Uzi Baram (Labour) yesterday met in Jerusalem with Agudat Yisrael MK Rabbi Menahem Porush. But there were conflicting reports on what happened in that meeting.

One source, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said Labour offered "whatever the Likud had agreed to give." Another

source, also requesting anonymity, maintained Zadok did not go beyond the Alignment's internal decisions, which said there should be no concrete negotiations.

The source insisted that the talk was only about the general state of affairs. Porush, he added, demanded nothing, and Labour offered nothing.

Meanwhile, Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin of Tami said he expects to see Labour leaders in the Knesset today and to set a date for another meeting, to follow up last week's conference with party leader MK Aharon Abutzeira in Tel Aviv.

"We said we did not rule out a coalition with Labour or with anyone else. We've got a certain commitment towards a Likud government — but we won't refuse to talk (to Labour)," Rubin said. When pressed, he said the deal with the Likud "is closed — but not sealed. Monday night's ceremony was an engagement — not a wedding," Rubin added.

But he denied the TV report that a meeting with Labour was held yesterday.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) stated that no authorized member of his party has met Alignment representatives to discuss this formation of an alternative government. He recalled that the heads of all NRP factions signed Monday night's agreement with the Likud.

Sharon: Save the Christians

Jerusalem Post Staff

Former defence minister Ariel Sharon yesterday delivered a pointed, though indirect, criticism of the policies of his successor, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, when he publicly appealed to the government to act to prevent a possible massacre of Christian villagers in Lebanon.

Interviewed on Israel Radio's 7-day newsreel, Sharon said that the cabinet should convene now and make a decision, so that "if the danger of a massacre of the Christians in Deir al-Kamar becomes real, we could use force beyond the Awali to save the civilians, and could propose to the U.S. to cooperate on this humanitarian issue."

Sharon went on to say that "it is forbidden to allow a situation where we occupy ourselves with the words of the commanders of the murderers (Syrian President Hafez Assad and Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, while behind the shadow of this propaganda campaign they are murdering innocents."

Replying to Sharon's remarks, Arens stated in an interview on the radio's midday newsreel that "there is no need to get excited about this, there's no need to exaggerate. A person leaves his place, his position, like every one of us; looks at the one who comes in his place, and he perhaps seems to him that he would have done better. This is a human weakness. He must be understood. There is no need to become angry or excited."

Marines to be given air, sea covering fire Syria warns U.S. of 'Vietnam'

BEIRUT (AP). — The U.S. appeared poised for deeper military involvement in Lebanon's civil war yesterday, and Syria pledged to defend its rebel allies, warning against a new Vietnam.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has agreed to let marine commanders in Beirut request air strikes from a U.S. armada stationed off Lebanon if they are needed to defend the multinational peacekeeping force, White House spokesman Larry Speakes announced in Washington.

The privately owned Central News Agency in Beirut said the Reagan Administration also had pledged air and naval artillery support for the Lebanese Army, stretched thin in an effort to block Syrian-backed Druze militiamen and their allies from entering the

capital. The agency, which has access to Lebanese President Amin Jemayel's inner circle of aides, quoted unidentified official sources here as saying the American promise was made to the Lebanese government at the same time the announcement of Reagan's permission to use air support for the U.S., French, Italian and British peacekeeping troops.

"If any of the Lebanese Army's current front lines in the mountain are penetrated, the Lebanese government can count on U.S. Navy air and artillery intervention," the agency quoted the sources as saying.

In Damascus, Syrian State Minister for Foreign Affairs Farouk Charrach told a news conference: "The Americans opted for military escalation, and we see this as a dangerous development. This is exactly how the American involvement started in Vietnam."

Speakes yesterday told reporters

in Washington that the 1,200-strong marine contingent in Beirut and supporting forces off shore could take "appropriate measures" in case of a threat to them, other peacekeeping troops or to U.S. diplomats.

Asked if Reagan's instructions included the right to use air power, Speakes said the local commander in Beirut "can request fleet firepower of any type."

He said orders for the fleet to go into action would be given by a military commander in the Mediterranean and would not have to be approved in Washington.

Speakes said there were still no plans to increase the number of marines in Beirut.

The U.S. has about 2,600 marines aboard naval ships off shore, including a 2,000-man unit ordered to the area by Reagan after the recent outbreak of fighting between Moslem militia and the Lebanese

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Fighting dies down in Lebanon

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Fighting subsided in Lebanon yesterday with the main combatants entrenched along lines which have changed little since Saturday.

All Beirut radio stations reported a tense calm on the main fronts — around the strategic town of Suk al-Gharb, 15 kilometres southeast of Beirut, and in the Kharroub coastal area 25 kilometres due south of the capital.

The only incidents reported were a brief bombardment of the hills above mainly Christian East Beirut and some machinegun fire further south.

Anti-government Druze forces, backed by Syrians and Palestinians according to the government, have been making regular night attacks in attempts to dislodge the Lebanese Army from lines near Suk al-Gharb, but the regulars have held their ground.

The attack last night was apparently less fierce than earlier ones, probably because the fighters were exhausted from days of combat.

Phalange radio yesterday repeated the Christian militia's claim to have recaptured two villages in Kharroub from leftist Druze



A young fighter of the Christian Lebanese forces shows off his T-shirt marked, "Kill 'em all, let God sort 'em out." He is one of the 40,000 Christians trapped in the Shouf town of Deir al-Kamar. (UPI telephoto).

and a pro-Druze leftist newspaper confirmed this.

The Druze had fought their way to within six kilometres of the main

Beirut-Sidon coastal road by Saturday, but have not gained ground since.

In other military action Monday evening, three U.S. Marines were slightly wounded during an hour-long bombardment of the Beirut airport area.

The Lebanese media concentrated their attention yesterday on diplomatic attempts to reach a cease-fire between the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) and the Lebanese Army.

Most newspapers agreed that the Lebanese government on Monday rejected a draft cease-fire agreement mediated by Saudi envoy Prince Bandar Bin Sultan and approved in Damascus by PSP leader Walid Jumblatt.

The main point of difference is over the role of the Lebanese Army. The government insists that its troops should eventually control all parts of the country, while the PSP demands army withdrawal from the mountain area as a condition for a cease-fire and a start to talks.

U.S. Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane was in the Saudi Red Sea port of Jeddah yesterday for talks with King Fahd and his foreign minister, Prince Saud

Clal board clears the way for takeover of IC

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The board of directors of Clal yesterday approved a transfer of shares between the company and three other financial groups. It will give Clal a controlling interest in the Israel Corporation.

Clal's approval came immediately after the Finance Ministry (after months of deliberation) approved the transfer. The ministry go-ahead was given after Clal guaranteed that neither its head office, nor any of its companies, will exploit the special tax benefits which the Israel Cor-

poration enjoys.

Under the transfer Clal will obtain 54 per cent of the equity and 56 per cent of the voting rights in the Israel Corporation, which are now being held as follows: 20 per cent by the Bank Hapoalim group (3 per cent directly, another 10.5 per cent through Hapoalim Switzerland, and 6 per cent by Israel Investments, an affiliate of Hapoalim); 17 per cent by IDB Development, (through the Israel-European company (ISROP), which has its headquarters in Luxembourg, 51 per cent by Baron Ed-

mond de Rothschild) and 17 per cent by the Bank Mizrahi group, (7 per cent directly and 10 per cent through its investment company, PAMA).

Since all three financial groups have agreed in the past to the transfer, there does not seem any impediment to its completion. Clal itself is held by the Hapoalim group (40 per cent), with another 29 per cent being held by the Bank Discount group, and the remaining 31 per cent owned by the general public. Of the latter, about half are

non-Israelis.

Rothschild will become chairman of the international advisory board of Clal Israel.

In return for the 54 per cent interest, the three financial groups will receive an 18.26 per cent interest in Clal.

Clal also stated yesterday that to consummate the deal, it is calling an extraordinary meeting of its stockholders on October 5, when it will be proposed that its capital be increased to IS1.4 billion through

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Planners approve new, 'conservationist' Mamilla plan

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new, conservationist approach to the redevelopment of the Mamilla District was approved yesterday by the Jerusalem District Planning Commission in one of the most important planning decisions in the capital in the past decade.

"This means that Mamilla has been taken out of the deep freeze," said a senior planning official last night.

The new plan in effect nullifies most of the controversial urban renewal proposal drawn up by Moshe Safdie and approved by the city council seven years ago.

"Instead of totally destroying everything and building anew, the new concept calls for preserving as much as possible," said a commission source.

The neighbourhood west of Jaffa Gate has been a depopulated area in the heart of Jerusalem for years, since the evacuation of 390

families and 360 commercial establishments to make way for the massive redevelopment envisioned by Safdie. The plan encountered strong opposition from preservationists and from those who regarded the scale of the proposal as a "megalomaniac" hangover from the post-Six Day War period. The dispute froze development of the neighbourhood.

Under the proposal submitted yesterday by district planner Moshe Cohen, all buildings on Rehov Mamilla "worthy of preservation" will remain. A commission source said that a list of such buildings to be drawn up within the next few weeks will include almost all buildings on the north side of Mamilla and a number on the south side. Buildings not officially designated for preservation may be razed or renovated.

Safdie had initially called for razing all structures except the St. Vincent de Paul Hospice, but in recent years, he amended his proposal. Mamilla is to become a pedestrian mall, but in a much simpler form than Safdie envisioned. The existing 16-metre-wide street will be nar-

rowed to about 12 metres at ground level, to give it more intimacy, by the erection of commercial structures along the south side. Safdie's original proposal had called for a two-level mall anchored by major department stores at either end.

A major change in the new plan is to permit piecemeal development rather than the large-scale staging of the original plan. "This will permit development to flow according to the natural rhythm of the marketplace," said one source.

The commission abolished the previous requirement that a massive underground parking facility be developed outside Jaffa Gate as the first stage of Mamilla's redevelopment. A commission source said the entire question of such a facility will be re-examined.

The new plan is to be submitted for public comment within a few weeks. Commission sources expressed hope that work could begin on the renovation of some of the buildings on Rehov Mamilla some time next year.

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Frankfurt	9-10	16-21	Cloudy
Geneva	7-9	13-18	Cloudy
Helsinki	12-15	14-17	Cloudy
Hong Kong	26-28	31-38	Clear
Johannesburg	11-13	28-29	Clear
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New York	20-22	27-30	Cloudy
Oslo	11-12	16-21	Cloudy
Paris	11-12	17-21	Cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	19-24	24-27	Cloudy
Sao Paulo	11-12	14-17	Cloudy
Stockholm	11-12	16-21	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	50-17	28-28
Golan	44-16	28-28
Nahariya	56-20	29-29
Safed	49-15	28-28
Haifa Port	56-24	28-28
Tiberias	39-21	34-35
Nazareth	41-19	31-31
Shimon	47-19	28-28
Tel Aviv	63-21	28-28
B-G Airport	59-20	29-29
Jericho	40-19	34-35
Gaza	59-21	28-28
Beer Sheva	42-17	30-32
Eilat	21-22	36-37

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Gideon Ben-Michael of the Education Ministry will speak on Youth Activity Week at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek will speak on the unity of Jerusalem at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA, 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

World WIZO president Raya Jaglom, from Geneva.

McGovern throws hat in the ring

WASHINGTON (AP). — Former U.S. senator George McGovern of South Dakota launched another longshot bid for the Democratic Party presidential nomination yesterday, laying out a liberal course that includes arms-control talks with the Soviets, an end of U.S. military involvement in Central America and a programme of government-backed education and other aid.

McGovern, 61, won the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination on a platform of ending the Vietnam war, but lost a landslide election to Richard Nixon.

McGovern's announcement made him the seventh Democrat to seek the nomination, and he begins well behind the field in organizational strength and financing. He has other handicaps as well. His wife Eleanor says she will not campaign with him this time.

El Al doing good business at Good Fence

TEL AVIV. — El Al will today start selling tickets at its new office adjacent to the Good Fence in Metulla. It is the second office to be opened by the national carrier on the Lebanese border since last Wednesday to cater to people fleeing the hostilities.

Eli Sasson, the El Al official responsible for these offices, said they will sell tickets, exchange tickets which had been provided for flights out of Beirut, arrange for hotels in Tel Aviv until departure time and offer transportation to the hotel.

BEGIN

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ment of a prior announcement by the premier to his cabinet is intended to give the ministers a chance to dissuade him, and to give them and other political leaders a chance to ease the transfer of power.

The extent of a "reasonable" delay can vary according to circumstances, Zamir writes. In some cases "several weeks" could be considered "reasonable."

"In the present circumstances," the attorney-general continues, "about two weeks... would be reasonable."

Since Zamir's opinion is dated September 13 (yesterday), and two weeks have already elapsed since Begin's original announcement, the implication of the attorney-general's opinion is that Begin must hasten to formalize his resignation — or else his original announcement will cease to be valid.

It is not clear, however, whether Zamir took account of the premier's health problems in determining the duration of the "reasonable" delay in Begin's case.

For what began as a delay linked to coalition bargaining and efforts to dissuade Begin from resigning seems now to have become a delay prolonged by the premier's personal considerations.

HOME NEWS

Treasury officials fear coalition deal costly

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Treasury officials are concerned with what they believe may be the high cost of a new coalition agreement, despite declarations by the Likud's partners in the government that no new demands have been presented.

The officials suggested that part of the price to be paid will be the freeze demanded by the Tami party on some of the economic steps decided upon by the cabinet some weeks ago.

The ministry has declined to comment openly on the matter. Its silence presumably reflects Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's annoyance with the freeze.

Nevertheless, officials said that the intended reduction of annual increments in old-age allowances (from 5 to 2.5 per cent) and the abolishment of maternity grants will have to be reconsidered.

Deputy Prime Minister David

Levy, who has conducted the negotiations with the coalition parties, said yesterday that the agreement with Tami covers all those measures requiring legislative action. He did not elaborate.

In addition, the Treasury has unofficially accepted cancelling a 10 per cent increase in purchase taxes on a number of items such as washing machines and refrigerators as demanded by Tami. The cabinet decided some weeks ago to impose a 10 per cent across-the-board increase on purchase taxes.

The ministry also believes that as a result of the political situation, the Knesset will not revise its decision to give financing to parties for the coming local elections and to declare election day a holiday, as decided by the cabinet.

The Treasury's budget division director Ya'acov Gadish has been following the negotiations between Tami, the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael and the Likud.

NRP irked by Likud promise of funds to Rabbi Druckman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party will quietly try to chip away funds the Likud has promised Rabbi Haim Druckman (Matzud) to secure his support for a new coalition headed by Yitzhak Shamir.

Druckman, who was elected to the Knesset on the NRP's ticket but who broke away a few months ago and formed his own party, has said that he will get one sixth of the money the NRP gets for institutions it favours.

This means he will get funds in proportion to his strength in the Knesset, since the NRP Knesset faction, before Druckman's defection, comprised six members.

Druckman was unable to say how much money that amounts to.

NRP leaders are unhappy with the arrangement — presumably because their allocation would drop and because they do not want to strengthen a rival.

A senior NRP source said last night that it was "wrong" of the Likud to change the coalition agreement unilaterally.

"To speed the formation of a new government, we agreed to join the new coalition with no demands, on condition that there be no change from the present situation."

Nevertheless, a well-placed source stressed that the NRP would not rock the coalition boat. "We don't want to make a public issue of the matter," he said.

Patt would relinquish post for national unity gov't

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday that for the sake of a Likud-Labour coalition, he would be prepared to relinquish his post in favour of an Alignment candidate.

Addressing the Association of Kibbutz Industries at Shefayim, Patt said that most of his fellow ministers have told Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud nominee for prime minister, that they are prepared to put their posts at his disposal if this would help bring about a "national unity" coalition with the Alignment.

Patt urged the association's members to use their connections with the labour movement to persuade its representatives in the Knesset to agree to the establishment of such a broad coalition, which could then find the strength to take the hard decisions called for in the current political and economic situation.

Speaking of the state of the economy, Patt criticized "elements" which have advanced ideas that, he said, would adversely affect the profitability of exports.

He was referring to recent proposals at the Treasury and the Bank of Israel to change the conditions of "incentive packages" for exporters and to raise interest rates on loans to them.

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2 officers acquitted of brutality charges

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A former commander of the Judea military district, Sgan-Aluf Shalom Lugassi, was last night acquitted in a disciplinary hearing before Deputy Chief of Staff Aluf David Ivri of all charges of brutality against Arab residents of the West Bank and irregular conduct.

Aluf-Mishne Ya'acov Hartavi, the brigade commander in the Hebron area at the time of the incidents last year, was acquitted of two

similar charges, but he has been told to bring witnesses with regard to two other charges.

Both officers faced disciplinary proceedings, arising from several incidents of brutality against Arab residents of the West Bank during their rest there in the spring of 1982. These charges came to light during the trial earlier this year at the central military court in Jaffa of several soldiers, some of whom were found guilty of mistreating Arab detainees.

Holocaust memorial in Hyde Park defaced again

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — For the second time in a month, the memorial in London's Hyde Park to the victims of the Holocaust has been defaced.

Early Monday morning, pink paint was poured over the stone monument at the centre of the Holocaust memorial garden. In

August, paint was also poured over it, together with a quotation from Rashi.

A spokesman for the Board of Deputies of British Jews, under whose auspices the memorial was established, said that the board does not believe that this was part of an anti-Semitic campaign, but the work of "mindless vandals."

COVERING FIRE

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Army. Any movement of these forces into Beirut would have to be approved in Washington, Speaker said.

The aircraft carrier Eisenhower with 90 planes and the helicopter carrier Tarawa are lying off shore, and the battleship New Jersey was yesterday sent to the area in a move Pentagon officials called a signal to Syria.

Despite the increased U.S. military activity, Speaker said the administration is not required to invoke a section of the 1973 War Powers Act giving Congress the option of ordering the marines out of Lebanon.

The act, passed after the Vietnam war, requires congressional approval for keeping troops longer than 90 days in an area where they are involved in hostilities or "where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances."

The State Department, meanwhile, said there is "increasing evidence" that some Syrian-backed Palestinian units are fighting on the side of the Druse militia against the Lebanese Army and Christian militia around Beirut.

Alan Romberg, the State Department's assistant spokesman, said the troops include some U.S. of the Palestine Liberation Organization

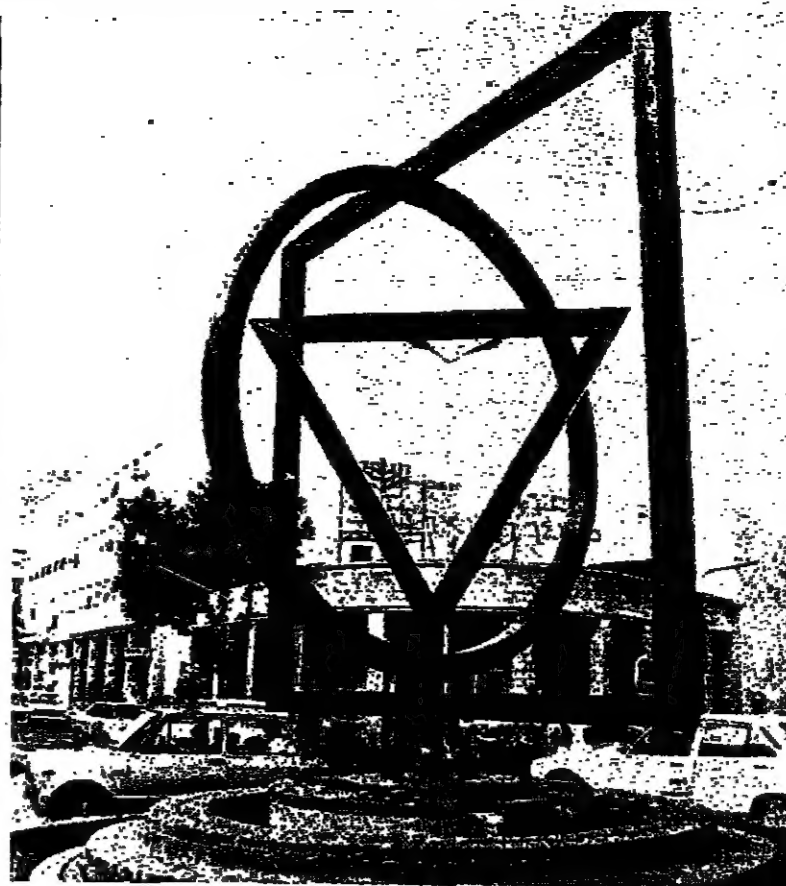
and that this is "a serious breach" of the agreement last summer for the evacuation of Palestinian fighters from Beirut and environs.

Another State Department official said the evidence of PLO involvement is not convincing. He said there is evidence of involvement of the Palestine Liberation Army, a uniformed unit attached to the Syrian Army, and Saika, a pro-Syrian Palestinian organization.

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington: U.S. Marine Corps Commandant General John Kelly told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that any withdrawal of the American military presence would have very serious consequences on the overall situation. "This is not the time to jerk the rug out from under Lebanon," he said.

Outgoing Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis, in turn, insisted it would cause "a devastating blow" to the Lebanese government and to American policy objectives in the war-torn country.

In response to questioning by committee chairman Charles Percy of Illinois, Veliotis denied that the Syrians are "openly or directly" trying to topple the Jemayel government. "Today," he said, "I do not see that kind of decision being made in Damascus." If it were, he added, it would lead to "very unpredictable consequences."



A kinetic sculpture recently placed in Haifa's Kikar Masaryk comprising a triangle, a square and a circle — is always on the move. Even before it was erected, the sculpture aroused resentment among Haifa art circles because it was designed by a municipal employee, Ami Shavit, director of the Haifa Museum. (Israel Sun)

2 killed, 8 hurt in 4 accidents

Two persons were killed and eight injured yesterday and Monday in four traffic accidents in various parts of the country.

A Jenin man died of his injuries in Afula's Emek Hospital, shortly after his car collided head-on with a taxi before dawn yesterday on the Megiddo-Afula road. Four passengers in his car were seriously injured. Police are investigating.

In Gaza, three-year-old Hamdi Haddad yesterday died of his injuries after being struck by a car in Gaza on Monday. The driver of the car has been held for questioning.

Two 20-year-old bicyclists who were riding without lights were struck by a taxi Monday night on the Jaffulya-Kalkilya road. One was seriously injured.

Another bicycle rider, 29, was seriously injured Monday night

when he was struck from behind by a car near Netanya. Both vehicles were travelling on a divider strip restricted to security vehicles, which has been the scene of three accidents during the past month.

The unknown 70-year-old man who was struck by a car while walking on the coastal road on Friday night and died of his injuries the next day has been identified by relatives as Dov Fried of Moshav Sde Ya'acov.

During the Hebrew calendar year 5743 there were 13,100 traffic accidents, in which 405 persons were killed and 19,100 injured, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. This represents an increase of 7 per cent in injuries, 6 per cent in the number of accidents and 10 per cent in the number killed. (Itim)

Terrorists attack IDF, militia units

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A terrorist unit attacked an IDF patrol with light arms fire yesterday four kilometres south of the Zaharani River in southern Lebanon. There were no injuries.

The patrol returned fire and the attackers fled in a waiting car, leaving behind empty magazines.

There were also attacks yesterday on positions of local militias, auxiliary units set up by Major Sa'ad Haddad to help keep order in the south.

Two hand grenades were thrown at a militia headquarters in the village of A-Zrira, about 15 kilometres southwest of Nabatya. The local commander was wounded and taken to Sidon, where an IDF helicopter picked him up and flew him to Rambam Hospital.

At the same time, shots were fired from a passing car at a militiaman manning a roadblock. The militiaman fled. When he returned, he found his roadside booth burned to the ground.

In another attack, a rocket was fired at an Israeli position in the Bourghliya area, north of Tyre. The IDF while combing the area, the IDF discovered a rocket launcher in an orchard and arrested some suspects.

When the Nazis came to power

he left Germany for Paris, and later moved to Rome. In 1937 he was invited to Stanford University in California, and became an American citizen.

In 1962 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew University.

Nobel laureate Felix Bloch dies in Zurich

GENEVA (JTA). — Nobel prize (in physics) laureate Felix Bloch died in Zurich on Sunday, at the age of 77.

Born in Zurich in 1905, Professor Bloch taught at the University of Leipzig.

he left Germany for Paris, and later moved to Rome. In 1937 he was invited to Stanford University in California, and became an American citizen.

In 1962 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew University.

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Gov't hospital doctors threaten sanctions soon

By MARGERY GREENFIELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The nation's 1,800 government hospital doctors are threatening to begin sanctions at the end of the month if the Health Ministry does not start by then to increase positions for doctors in accordance with the ruling of an arbitrator earlier this year.

Arbitrator Menahem Goldberg (who is now a labour court judge) ruled that starting July 1, the ministry must begin to close the gap between the present number of hospital doctors and the optimum number, as mandated by the agreement that ended the 1976 doctors' strike. This preceded the recent four-month strike which was settled by arbitrator David Shoham. Goldberg ruled that the gap must be closed at the rate of 15 per cent each year, and that the first employment slots should be added as of July 1.

"It's already the middle of September, and not one doctor has been added to the roster at one government hospital. Moreover, no one has even sat down with us to

discuss the matter," Government Hospital Doctors Association chairman Dr. Haim Zakut said yesterday.

Noting that the association's formal declaration of a labour dispute was sent on Sunday to both the Health Ministry and to the Labour Ministry's head of labour relations, Zakut said that the required 15-day waiting period will be over by the end of the month.

While declining to disclose any details on the nature of the threatened sanctions, Zakut said the government-hospital doctors intend to "create a complete mess throughout the system." Presumably, the steps could include anything from slowdowns and working to rule to an all-out strike.

Health Ministry deputy director-general Moshe Hurvitz yesterday said, "We have been running the numbers through our computer, to determine exactly how many additional slots are needed to fill this year's quota. We hope that we can make the necessary adjustments within the next few days and avert any further disruptions in the health-care system."

Citibank fined \$23,000 for violation of Arab boycott

WASHINGTON (AP). — Citibank of New York City has agreed to pay \$23,000, and a Chicago corporation has agreed to pay \$8,500 for allegedly violating export laws aimed at prohibiting U.S. companies from cooperating with the Arab-sponsored boycott of Israel, the U.S. Commerce Department said on Monday.

Citibank's fine was the largest ever imposed under anti-boycott provisions of the Export Administration Act, the department said.

The department charged that the companies had failed to comply with requirements for reporting such requests.

Both firms also agreed to take

"corrective measures" to insure future compliance by its branch offices and to report those measures within six months, the department said.

Lawrence Brady, assistant secretary for trade administration, said Citibank had processed letters of credit — covering goods intended for shipment to Kuwait, Oman, and Abu Dhabi — which directed among other things that the goods not originate in boycotted countries nor be shipped on carriers ineligible to enter Arab states.

He said that FMC, a manufacturer of machinery, chemicals and power transmission equipment, failed to report 11 requests from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, and Abu Dhabi for a variety of information including certification that goods were not shipped in carriers blacklisted by Arab League countries.

Sheikh Tarif cancels Druse holiday festivities

JULIS (Itim). — Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif called on his co-religionists in Israel to cancel this year's Jd al-Adha parties and to hold only the traditional prayers. Such a call is tantamount to a cancellation.

Tarif said that this is not the time

to hold celebrations, because of the situation in Lebanon.

Tarif also turned down President Chaim Herzog's invitation to come to Beit Hanassi to receive the president's greetings for the Druse holiday.

Irma Polak, veteran consumerist, at 91

Irma Polak, founder and veteran leader of the Israel Consumers Association, was buried yesterday. Her death was announced on Monday.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1892,

Polak served in many Jewish communal roles there until coming to this country in 1940. Active in WIZO on both the local and international levels, she was widely considered to be the initiator of the consumer movement in Israel.

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In deep sorrow,

Phalange leader warns against U.S. withdrawal

A top leader of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia warned yesterday that a withdrawal of the U.S. Marines from Beirut would be "a major setback" for U.S. credibility in the Middle East.

The militia official, briefing foreign reporters in Jerusalem, urged the U.S. to send more troops to Lebanon and to bring more European countries into the multinational force to deter growing Syrian influence.

He insisted that he remain anonymous, but agreed to be identified as a member of the 12-man command council of the Lebanese Forces, the alliance of Christian militias dominated by the Phalange Party of Pierre Gemayel, father of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

The Phalangist said he was returning to Lebanon from a trip to the U.S. and Canada, where his task was to rally support for the besieged Christians, and wanted to meet Israeli-based reporters from whom he was cut off by the civil war between the Lebanese Forces and Druse militiamen.

The Phalangist said that if the U.S. administration gives in to mounting Congressional demands to pull out the marines, "it will be very serious for Lebanon and a major setback for the U.S. in this area and for the NATO forces."

He said "moderate Arab regimes would lose confidence" in American promises if the marines left Beirut under fire.

"If the U.S. wants to lead the free world, it has to pay the price," said the militia official. But he voiced concern that Americans are still going through post-Vietnam isolationism.

The Phalangist said his organization is seeking political support from Israel, but he indicated that Israel is also continuing its seven-year-old policy of giving military assistance to the Christians. He refused to elaborate.

Israel Radio said two Lebanese Druse, also now visiting Israel, reported that their kinsmen in Lebanon are willing to "turn over a new leaf" and cooperate with Israel because it has not assisted the Phalangists in the fighting in the Shouf mountains. (AP)

Private vehicles barred from Dizengoff during Succot

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Rehov Dizengoff is to be closed to private vehicles on a daily basis during the Succot holiday, and several changes are to be made in Dan bus routes as part of a plan to solve Tel Aviv's traffic problems, Mayor Shlomo Lahat said yesterday. If successful, the changes may become permanent.

Lahat, police district commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman and Dan chairman Yosef Horowitz held

a press conference to announce the traffic changes for Succot, from September 20 to 30.

The new arrangements, offering free parking in several places and free bus service from the fairgrounds parking lot to the Reading bus terminals, are intended to encourage drivers to leave their cars on the city outskirts and take public transportation into town.

Dizengoff is to be closed to private vehicles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and car owners living in adjoining streets will be allowed to

enter Dizengoff only in order to leave it again at the nearest corner. Loading and unloading of commercial vehicles will be permitted only until 10 a.m. There will be no left turn from King George Street into Dizengoff, except for public vehicles.

Bus stops for routes 1, 2, 10, 62, 64, 66 and 90 will be moved from Rehov Reines to Dizengoff, to relieve pressure on Reines.

A special "Succot line," No. 99, will leave the military cemetery on

Derech Herzliya every 10 minutes and travel via Derech Herzliya, Sderot Rokach, Rehov Dizengoff, Rehov Ibn Gabirol and back to the cemetery, for IS9. Dan will also add buses on lines 1, 2, 11, 18, 21, 26 and 48 during the holiday.

Parking along the seaside promenade will be forbidden, and drivers will be directed to parking lots along the beach. Free parking will be offered at the fairgrounds, the Reading terminal, the Ramat Gan Stadium, the Yad Eliash Stadium and the Carmel Market lot.

Herzliya says TA has taken its beach

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA — Mayor Yosef Nevo has charged the Tel Aviv municipality with taking over a Herzliya beach, fencing it off and charging admission. In a letter to Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Nevo claimed that some 400 metres of beach north of the Mandarin Hotel and the Country Club belongs to his city.

Tel Aviv municipal secretary Shmuel Levy said that the arrangement had been approved by Jamil Kadduri, supervisor of Herzliya beaches. But Kadduri denies this.

Herzliya municipal spokesman Gideon Wasnik said this week that, even if Levy's version is accurate, he must know that such a matter cannot be decided between two municipal officials. There are legal procedures to be followed, he noted.

Shmuel Levy lives in Herzliya and is number two on the Likud list in the forthcoming municipal elections.

The Tel Aviv municipal spokesman refused to comment last night, beyond stating that the municipality "rejected Nevo's charges."



President Chaim Herzog shakes hands with Rabbi Yitzhak Kolitz, the new Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Jerusalem, at the Beit Hanassi ceremony, installing Kolitz in his new post. Herzog called on the rabbinical establishment to help promote tolerance between religious and secular citizens in Israel. The rabbinic must assume "a fatherly image" that all citizens can identify with, he said. (Rahamim Israel)

TECHNION. — Soil engineer, Prof. Dan Zaslavsky of Haifa's Technion this week took over as chief scientist of the Energy Ministry, replacing Prof. Haim Elata, who is returning to Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba.

OPEN LINE. — Civil Service commissioner Avraham Natan held an open line session yesterday as more than 20 civil servants and former civil servants called him up to discuss problems of pay, grade and pensions.

Government urged to repeal election holiday and funding

Post Knesset Reporter

Shim'on Mordechai Virshubski yesterday called on the government to add to the agenda of today's special Knesset session a bill to repeal the law that declares municipal election day (October 25) a work holiday and authorizes state financing for the parties' campaign.

The special session, which is to open at 10 a.m., was called at the request of the government to pass a number of bills dealing with other aspects of the municipal elections, mainly of a technical nature, which passed their first readings just before the Knesset recessed for the summer.

Virshubski points out that the cabinet decided on August 21 to submit such a bill to the Knesset. This was one of a number of economic decisions taken by the cabinet that day, and it appeared first in the list of 17 decisions listed in the cabinet communiqué issued two days later. It reads as follows:

"A bill will be submitted in the Knesset to nullify funding of local authority elections and to cancel the work holiday on election day for the local authorities."

Virshubski notes that today is the last chance the government has to take such action, since the first financing payment is scheduled for tomorrow.

IDF denies damaging nature reserve

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The Israel Defence Forces spokesman has denied that the Engineering Corps had carried out earthwork in the Mt. Holo Nature Reserve and caused ecological damage.

The spokesman said that the IDF has permits to carry out such work in the reserve, but in fact the work had been performed at the site of a near-by army firing range.

On Sunday accused the IDF of causing irreparable harm to the reserve, which is situated in the Judean Desert, in direct defiance of an authority inspector.

The IDF spokesman noted that several years ago the army received a permit from the authority to prepare a landing strip for light aircraft. In fact, the strip was prepared two weeks ago, outside the area of the Mt. Holo nature reserve.

Shcharansky rally to mark term's halfway point

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A solidarity rally will be held in Jerusalem tomorrow afternoon to mark the completion of half of the 13-year prison term of Anatoly Shcharansky, who is incarcerated in Chistopol prison in Russia for alleged espionage.

The rally, organized by Jerusalem women active in Soviet immigration matters, will take place in the plaza outside the Jerusalem Theatre at 4

p.m. Simultaneously, protests against the Soviets' continued refusal to release Shcharansky will be held around the world.

Shcharansky's wife Avital will attend the rally, as well as former prisoner of Zion Yosef Mendelevich and other speakers. After 6½ years in prison, Shcharansky is reportedly in poor health and has been consistently denied contact with relatives.

Man held for stabbing former mother-in-law

A man who stabbed his former mother-in-law was arrested yesterday in Jerusalem and remanded for 15 days.

Yehzekel Tzarchat, 41, of Jerusalem is suspected of stabbing Les Ben-Simon in the back with a knife on Monday at the Iraqi Market in Mahane Yehuda.

When police came to arrest him, he resisted, brandishing a knife, police said.

Police said Tzarchat had previously assaulted Ben-Simon and had a criminal past.

The Jerusalem Magistrates Court ordered Tzarchat to be sent for a psychiatric examination. (Itim)

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- Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Wednesday, September 14, 1983 from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, room 717 between 9.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m., against a non-refundable deposit of IS 800.-
- A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Sunday, October 2, 1983 departing at 9 a.m. from the Engineer's Office at the Municipality of Holon.
- Bids should be submitted not later than 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 1983 at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
- Conditions of payment, in cash, to be arranged according to the contract to be signed.
- This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance with the Act regarding Registration of Contractors for the execution of Engineering and Construction Works 1989, such contractors to abide by requirements of the Act and to be eligible to carry out the works as specified.
- The Agency does not undertake to accept the lowest, or any other bid.

Moscow fair bans Jewish books

MOSCOW (AP). — Among numerous volumes banned by Soviet authorities at the Moscow International Book Fair, which closed this week, were three titles taken from the Israeli exhibit and 49 from the U.S. Association of Jewish book publishers display, observers reported.

Israeli delegates could not be located at the fair Monday to find out which of their titles could not be exhibited. But a member of the U.S. Jewish publishers' delegation said books taken from her booth included MK Abba Eban's *My People* and the current *American Jewish Yearbook*, both of which were banned at the last Moscow fair in 1981.

Books by a group called Friends of Jews from Eastern Europe, *The Many Faces of Anti-Semitism*, *Czar*

Nicholas and the Jews, *Understanding Israeli Social Approaches*, and the novel *My Name is Asher Lev*, by Chaim Potok, were also banned, the delegate said.

Authorities barred only a half-dozen western books from the 1981 fair, and about a dozen in 1979. Observers speculated that this year's restrictions were more the result of "arbitrary censorship than of a tougher government policy."

Members of the Jewish publishers' delegation said they had brought some 1,000 religious, cultural and historical books with them and were allowed to display all but 49, which the authorities said contained "anti-Soviet material."

The Jewish books exhibit, which has become a bi-annual pilgrimage

for Soviet Jews, and the adjacent exhibit of the Protestant church-owned Publishers' Association, were among the most popular this year.

Protestant exhibitors said authorities barred none of their books, mainly religious tracts that lacked the political and historical themes of the books taken from the Jewish exhibit.

Italian delegates said *Le Baller* was banned because it contained unacceptably favourable comments about defectors Mikhail Barishnikov and Rudolf Nureyev.

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Detective works at bar to halt protection racket

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A police detective posing as a bouncer in the recently opened Gan Hashikim Cafe helped capture a man suspected of terrorizing the owners and guests of the cafe.

A few weeks ago a man arrived at the cafe on Rehov Herbert Samuel demanding a job and protection fees. He reportedly threatened to

Six months in jail for hit-and-run driver-killer

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The local magistrate's court this week sentenced a driver who ran over and killed a seven-year-old girl to six months jail, six months suspended sentence, IS50,000 fine and revoked his driving licence for 15 years.

Oudeh Abu-Adisan, 24, of the Al-Azame tribe, was found guilty of running over and killing Caroline al-Hashwa in Gaza in June of last year. He was also found guilty of driving off, without trying to summon aid. The girl was dragged for more than a kilometre under the vehicle.

Father and son drown

GAZA (Itim). — A father and son, members of the Su'arka Beduin tribe which lives nearby, drowned yesterday morning while swimming.

The bodies of Makri Ju'ma Su'arka, 69, and his son, Omar, 13, were washed onto the Gaza beach.

TOURISTS ARE INVITED

to a session of questions and answers on:

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Israel and South Africa barred from energy meeting

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Israel and South Africa have been barred from an international energy conference due to begin in New Delhi on Sunday, an Indian official said yesterday.

The chairman of the organizing committee for the 12th congress of the World Energy Conference, T.R. Saith Chandran, told reporters the delegates of the two countries have been denied visas although they are among the group's 81 members.

India objects to South Africa's apartheid policy and to Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, chairman of the non-

aligned movement, will open the six-day conference which will focus on a global energy strategy to include protecting the environment and transferring technology to the Third World, it said.

The conference's international committee chairman, S.O. Hultin of Finland, expressed regret at India's decision to deny visas to the Israeli and South African delegates.

SABAH. — All cabinet ministers and male civil servants in the east Malaysian state of Sabah must wear safari-style uniforms to work from December, the government ruled yesterday.

Soviets face increasing air-traffic sanctions

SEOUL. — South Korea vowed yesterday to press for further sanctions against the Soviet Union, after Moscow vetoed a UN Security Council resolution deploring its destruction of a South Korean airliner.

Prime Minister Sim Sang-Hyur said Seoul will keep pressing for collective sanctions against Moscow, with which it has no diplomatic links, at the forthcoming UN General Assembly and an International Civil Aviation Organization meeting starting in Montreal tomorrow.

Earlier yesterday, South Korea accused the Soviet Union of barbarism in vetoing a Security Council resolution, which deplored the shooting down of the South Korean

jumbo jet by a Soviet fighter on September 1.

Kim said that South Korea saw the UN vote as a diplomatic success. Moscow was forced to use its veto after western countries mustered nine votes in the 15-member Security Council — the minimum needed to pass a resolution.

The Soviet Union and Poland voted against the resolution, while four countries abstained.

South Korea, which is not a member of the UN, has demanded full compensation from Moscow, a public apology and punishment of those responsible.

The Security Council resolution would have called on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to investigate the shooting down of the airliner with the loss of 269 lives.

Western countries forced the Soviet veto only after intense lobbying to ensure the nine votes. Failure to gain them would have acutely embarrassed the western sponsors, and spared Moscow the need to cast its 116th veto since the UN was founded.

Meanwhile, a boycott of air traffic to the Soviet Union gained support yesterday.

At least 10 governments and

pilots' associations have already imposed a ban on flights to and from Soviet destinations. Others are expected to join the protest tomorrow.

British British Airways flights to Moscow for 60 days subject to a review after a month.

The government has announced a ban on the Soviet airline Aeroflot's four incoming weekly flights for 14 days starting tomorrow.

Spain's Iberia airline on the same day will enforce a fortnight suspension of flights to Moscow while banning Aeroflot planes.

Aitalia's weekly flight to Moscow did not take off this week after the Association of Civil Aviation Pilots voted for a 60-day boycott. The Italian government has also banned Aeroflot flights starting tomorrow.

The Portuguese cabinet yesterday decided to suspend Aeroflot landings in Portugal for 30 days.

The Dutch government on Monday suspended the Soviet airline's landing rights in the Netherlands "to give a clear signal" of "absolute contempt" for Russia's downing of the Korean plane.

The two-week suspension of landing rights takes effect tomorrow.

Air France, which flies to Moscow and back each day but Wednesday, has said all scheduled flights will be maintained.

The French government has declined to follow most NATO allies in suspending flights by the Soviet airline for two weeks, saying this would violate an aviation agreement with Moscow.

Communist Transport Minister Charles Fiterman said Monday: "Applying sanctions in the form of a flight ban is not an effective way of achieving the desired objective."

In Bangkok, a hand grenade exploded at the office of Aeroflot early yesterday morning, shattering two large glass panes and causing other minor damage, authorities said. There were no injuries.

Police and military spokesmen said they believe the attack was "a threat" linked to the downing of the Korean airliner, which had eight Thais on board.

A London insurance broker meanwhile paid \$26,824,000 to Korean Airlines yesterday for the loss of the jumbo jet. The payout announced by brokers Stewart Wrightson (Aviation) was made against the airline's war-risk insurance. (AP, Reuters)

Sports

Netanya's great start

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Netanya came from behind to beat Hapoel Beersheba 3-2 last night, before 6,000 spectators in the Bloomfield Stadium here, thereby winning the League Cup.

Benny Lamm opened the scoring for Netanya with a shock goal in the second minute of the match. But Beersheba rallied and hit back fiercely, their new signing Herz Petussi putting them into a 2-1 lead by halftime.

The Negev team had not reckoned with the determination of Moshe Gariani, who has made his peace with Netanya, to prove how valuable a player he is. He cracked in two lovely goals in the 50th and 75th minutes, thus getting last year's league champions their first trophy of the new season.

In the match for third place, Hapoel Tel Aviv beat Shimshon 2-1, through late goals by Shabtai Levi and a characteristic Dov Remmler header. Eli Cohen got Shimshon an 80th-minute consolation goal with a 25-metre drive. Moshe Sinai played an outstanding game for Hapoel, rocking the crossbar on two occasions and scheming his team's two goals.

Essex win.

Post Sports Staff

Essex won the county cricket championship yesterday, with widespread rains curtailing play on the last day of what had hitherto been a golden season. As a result of the rain, both Essex and Middlesex drew their last matches.

Essex made 288 against Yorkshire, Graham Gooch compiling a heroic 111 despite having a broken finger. They dismissed Yorkshire for 204 and 228, and only needed to make 137 in 120 minutes, when rain stopped play. Middlesex scored 201 and 54 for 1 against Nottinghamshire's 253 for 6 declared when play was abandoned.

Essex owed their victory to fine all-round performances by all members of the team in the last two months, spearheaded by the prolific scoring of South African Ken McEwan, and some magnificent seam bowling by veteran John Lever. Despite a long break because of injuries, he ended the season with 100 wickets, the first time he has done so since 1979.

Four weeks ago, Middlesex seemed to have the championship in the bag, as they had a lead of 48 points. But they were hard hit by injuries and test calls, and won only one of their last nine matches.

Century record

LONDON (AP). — Steve O'Shaughnessy, a 22-year-old opening batsman who plays for Lancashire, equalled the record yesterday for the fastest first-class century of all time.

O'Shaughnessy scored 101 in just 35 minutes against Leicestershire at Old Trafford, equalling the feat of Surrey's Percy Fender, who took exactly the same time to hit a ton against Northamptonshire in 1920.

The Lancashire opener, who only won a regular first-team place this season, smashed 16 fours and four sixes in 17 overs.

But he had Leicestershire captain David Gower partly to thank.

In an end-of-season gesture, Gower, one of the world's greatest batsmen but seen hardly ever with the ball, put himself on to bowl and along with James Whitaker, sent down a series of friendly long hops and full tosses.

Baseball: Monday

American League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	85	55	.607	—
Detroit	82	62	.569	5
New York	80	63	.559	6 1/2
Milwaukee	79	65	.549	8
Toronto	79	66	.543	8 1/2
Boston	69	74	.483	17 1/2
Cleveland	64	80	.444	23

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	84	59	.587	—
Kansas City	67	75	.472	16 1/2
Los Angeles	67	77	.465	17 1/2
Oakland	67	78	.462	18
California	64	79	.448	20
Minnesota	61	83	.424	23 1/2
Seattle	55	87	.385	28 1/2

National League East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	73	68	.521	—
Pittsburgh	74	68	.518	1/2
St. Louis	70	70	.500	1 1/2
Chicago	62	78	.442	7 1/2
New York	59	84	.413	15 1/2

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	83	60	.580	—
Atlanta	80	63	.559	3
Houston	73	67	.520	7 1/2
San Diego	71	73	.493	12 1/2
San Francisco	68	76	.472	15 1/2
Cincinnati	65	79	.451	18 1/2

New York 1, Milwaukee 0; Detroit 5, Cleveland 1; Baltimore at Boston, p.m. only games scheduled.

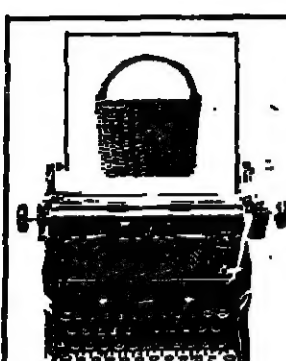
Philadelphia 2, New York 1; Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 3; only games scheduled.

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Leading official killed in Corsica

BASTIA, Corsica (AP). — Assassins shot and killed a top government official yesterday in the latest outburst of terrorism on this French-controlled Mediterranean island that has been torn by separatist violence for almost a decade.

Police said Pierre-Jean Massimi, 37, died of a head wound after gunmen fired at his car as he was heading home to lunch.

For the past year, Massimi served as chief of staff to one of Corsica's two departmental (provincial) administrators. He was the second-ranking government official in the northern part of the island.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Massimi's murder, but police said it was undoubtedly the work of separatists.

Ottawa MP tells house of tax charge

OTTAWA (Reuters). — Canadian politician Roger Simmons, who resigned from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's cabinet last month just 10 days after being made mining minister, told parliament yesterday that he faces an income-tax evasion charge.

In an unusual personal statement to the House of Commons, he apologized to Trudeau for political embarrassment he had caused with his surprise resignation so soon after a cabinet reshuffle.

Simmons, from Newfoundland, said the Justice Department had decided after a 2 1/2-year investigation to charge him on grounds of intent to avoid paying income tax.

He said he welcomed the pending court proceedings and was confident he would be exonerated.

S. African leaders mourn John Vorster

PRETORIA (AP). — South African Prime Minister F.W. Botha and President Marais Viljoen led thousands of mourners at a memorial service yesterday for their predecessor John Vorster, who died Saturday night.

Vorster, 67, died in a Cape Town hospital following a lung infection. He was to be buried yesterday afternoon in the Cape province village of Karedouw after a private funeral service there. Vorster requested that he not be given a state funeral.

Two right-wing terror suspects arrested in Italy

MILAN (AP). — A police raid on a crowded downtown cafe has led to the arrest of two of Italy's most wanted right-wing terrorists, officials said yesterday.

A third alleged member of the rightist Nuclei Armati Rivoluzionari (NAR) was also caught during the operation on Monday evening, officials said.

Police said Gilberto Cavallini and Stefano Soderini tried to draw loaded pistols from their bags when plainclothes officers overpowered them in the Goldenbar Cafe. Cavallini also carried a hand grenade, they said.

Cavallini, 31, and Soderini, 23, have been sought on charges of murder, membership in armed bands, and holdups.

DROUGHT. — India has signed contracts to import 980,000 tons of wheat from the U.S. to ease its food shortage, caused by droughts, a government spokesman said.

Thieves pinch Picassos

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (Reuters). — Two Picasso oil paintings worth almost \$1 million were stolen from a museum yesterday by thieves who smashed their way in through the glass front doors.

The thieves escaped with Picasso's *Tete de Femme*, painted in 1946 and valued at \$550,000, and the 1949 work *Buste de Femme* valued at \$360,000, police said.

The paintings, realistic representations of women, formed part of an exhibit in Corpus Christi's Art Museum of south Texas featuring the works of three Spanish artists, Picasso, Salvador Dali and Joan Miro.

The thieves smashed the hurricane-proof glass doors with a sledge block, triggering the museum's alarm system, and made straight for the paintings 10 metres inside the building, police said.

Police cars arrived within five minutes but the thieves had already escaped, a spokesman added. They left behind paintings of greater value, including a Dali worth \$2.1m. and a third Picasso titled *Femme se Coiffant*, police said.

Bomb found at W. German power plant

OFFENBURG, West Germany (AP). — Police yesterday reported the discovery of four explosive devices and a partially cut cable at two radiation measuring facilities for an atomic power plant in southwest Germany.

Workmen found the explosive devices at an emission-measuring station in the town of Rheinau-Freistett last Friday and notified local authorities, police said.

A cable supporting an emission-measuring tower in nearby Wyhl was partially cut in an apparently related incident, police said. Both

Peace women raid British destroyer

PORTSMOUTH (AP). — Four women peace campaigners on Monday draped a banner across the bow of a British destroyer berthed at this south England base in protest at the opening of a Royal Navy arms trade fair.

The women sailed from the Portsmouth jetty to the 5,440-ton HMS Antrim in a dinghy, climbed scaffolding erected to repaint the ship and unfurled the banner proclaiming "Defence costs lives."

Police said the women, from an environmental and peace group called Women for Life on Earth, were questioned and released without being charged when they returned to the jetty.

The exhibition, in which five British warships armed with modern anti-aircraft missiles and other equipment are on view, was opened at Whale Island, near here, by Defence Procurement Minister Geoffrey Pattie.

Officials said some 700 top military staff, officials and industrialists from 85 nations were invited to the five-day exhibition, which was closed to the public.

Soviet director may defect to Britain

LONDON (Reuters). — Russian stage director Yuri Lyubimov, whose productions have brought him into increasing conflict with Soviet authorities, has been allowed to extend his stay in Britain, the government said yesterday.

The Home Office said the 65-year-old director, who has been in Britain for several months to direct a play based on Dostoevsky's novel *Crime and Punishment*, was granted a one-month extension of

his visa. But it said he has not sought political asylum.

The *Daily Express* said yesterday that Lyubimov, who has had three productions banned in the Soviet Union in the past three years, was believed to be planning to defect to the West.

Official sources said Lyubimov had expressed concern that his wife and four-year-old son, in London with him, might be abducted to coerce him into returning to the Soviet Union.

KGB expands hold on interior ministry

MOSCOW (AP). — A former deputy chairman of the KGB and another former KGB official have been appointed deputy ministers of internal affairs in a previously unannounced shakeup that apparently confirms President Yuri Andropov's intention to root out corruption in the national police force by strengthening KGB power there.

An unidentified ministry official told the Associated Press that Vasily Lezhepokov, formerly a deputy chairman of the KGB, and Kuril Vostrikov were now two of the six

deputy ministers under first Deputy Minister Yuri Churbanov.

The official said without elaboration that Vostrikov worked at the KGB before taking his new post.

He would not say when the changes occurred, but did add that one of four deputy ministers listed in Western reference books, Lt. Gen. Boris Shumilin, 61, lost his post sometime early this year. That was shortly after Andropov, head of the KGB for 15 years, became head of the Communist Party last November.

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'Anything Goes' gets set to go

Judy Siegel-Itzkovich talks to Esther Sofer, executive producer of Israel Television's new magazine show.



"Ma She'ba" hosts, journalist Dan Hamitzer...

ISRAELI TV's new Sunday evening magazine show will have everything in it — including the kitchen sink. Celebrities cooking their favorite dishes on camera, advice on diet, features on medical advances, a press critique, a seven-day weather report, and exercises are just some of the items to be featured on "Ma She'ba" (Anything Goes). The weekly, hour-long programme will be screened after the 8 p.m. TV headlines starting Sunday, 2 Oct.

Executive producer of the show, Esther Sofer, a long-time director of children's programming and, later, head of the Hebrew programming department at Israel TV, does not claim that the idea for a magazine show is original.

When I was programming director, I came across lots of subjects that were interesting but weren't big enough to fill a whole show," she says. "So I decided that we should have a magazine show. If you come over to my house for a chat and a cup of coffee, it's natural that you cover a dozen subjects. That's just what we'll do in 'Ma She'ba'."

While the idea was percolating in her head, she made a short visit to England earlier this year and watching "Breakfast TV" (similar to the U.S. show "Good Morning, America"), she realized: "That's exactly what I want to do."

"Ma She'ba" will be, of course, an Israeli-style magazine show. It will be of interest to men, women and children. Says Sofer, "Since it's going to appear before 'Mabat', at a peak viewing hour, it has to be broad enough to appeal to all viewers."

Sofer went to TV director Tuviya Sa'ar who quickly approved the idea, as did Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid.

Sofer, who spent a few years at the beginning of her TV career as a producer, was named the show's executive producer. Dina Kahanovich is producer; Sara Malka is production assistant; Rahel Rubinstein is researcher; and Andre Kalarashu is director.

The show will be broadcast live from Studio "A" in Jerusalem's TV House, largely because Sofer likes the challenge and the possibilities of a live show. Viewers will be able to call in questions and comments to experts in the studio.

Because of budgetary limitations, there will be very little opportunity to film outside and broadcast the clips during the show: "That is something I am really sorry about," says the executive producer.

Studio "A" is being redone in bright colours and furnished with a long couch — but Sofer insists that it will not look like a typical Israeli living room. All guests on the show will stay within camera range throughout the show, presumably on the couch, because, she explains, "When you invite guests, you don't send them home in the middle."

Searching for hosts, Sofer decided to choose new faces, and not use the well-known personalities often seen on TV. Chosen were Batya Barak, an actress, and Dan Hamitzer, a journalist for *Monim* and other publications. The two came out best in the screen tests, from among 50 who tried out.

The show will strike a balance between the light and the serious, the piquant and the everyday. The "serious" part will include a critique of the week's press, prepared each time by a journalist from a different newspaper. Hersh Goodman, *The Jerusalem Post's* defence correspondent, has been chosen as a member of the revolving press review team. The show will also accept criticism of Israel TV from viewers by phone or by mail.

Sofer has already arranged with a number of MKs, singers, journalists and other personalities to cook favourite dishes — kosher, of course — on the air.

Sofer, who has lost dozens of kilos and has written a book about losing weight, decided that most Israelis are interested in diet. Advice from experts will be a regular feature, and an official Israel TV diet will be presented in cooperation with the Health Ministry.

There will also be regular items on medicine, economics, psychology and law. The Meteorological Services are inaugurating a week-long weather forecast on October 1, and "Ma She'ba" will present it every Sunday, with predictions through Shabbat.

Families who have renovated

apartments into more exciting habitats will be shown from time to time.

Every show will begin with aerial film footage of especially lovely spots located around the country. And each will end with a demonstration of aerobic exercise — in which guests will be expected to participate.

Sofer sees huge potential for the new programme, and expects to produce it every week for a long time.

"People here in the building warned me that it would be horrendous producing such a show every week, and they suggested it be once every two weeks. But I like the challenge of it, and it will be weekly!"

homosexuality — has been an increase in "homophobia" among Israelis. "This is God's punishment," said one rabbi. "As written in *Leviticus*, he who lies with mankind as with womankind shall be cast out!" One observant lady said: "Their eyes should fall out!"

Now they've another excuse for their hatred," says Adi, a gay kibbutz member. "I've found myself sitting alone a great deal more than usual at our communal dining-hall. I expect they'll soon ask me to eat at home." Another gay said, "If this goes on, they'll quarantine us in special settlements." Unlike the U.S., however, there have been no incidents in Israel of hospital staff refusing to treat AIDS victims. Says Danilowitz, "They went out of their way to treat gays with respect and consideration."

Whether or not the incidence of AIDS will increase drastically here is anybody's guess, since the incubation period can last up to two years. The curve has still not peaked. But, Danilowitz concludes, "While there is cause for awareness, the panic is entirely unjustified."

Upset over AIDS

Despite the panic, the incidence of AIDS in Israel is still low as compared to that in the U.S. Sheldon Teitelbaum reports.

The U.S. offers homosexuals an inordinately free and open environment. The chances of being infected in Israel are less, because homosexuality has yet to become socially acceptable. Consequently, homosexuals find it difficult to locate sexual partners here.

Jonathan Danilowitz, a member of the organizing committee of the predominantly gay Israel Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, rejects Dr. Schwartz's contention that partners are hard to find. "It's easy enough to locate multiple partners," he says. "But at this time, with so much unknown, there are good reasons for gays to stop being promiscuous. This isn't a judgment against sexual activities, just a precaution until things get clearer."

Though not widespread, steps are being taken to understand the disease and to standardize its treatment. "There are at least three clinical laboratories currently involved in basic research here," says Adler. Researchers are investigating the transmission process, trying to isolate the active agent, and to find substances which help to overcome it.

The Health Ministry has, meanwhile, set up an investigatory committee, headed by Schwartz, charged with making recommendations. "We've focused on the clinical situation," he says, "the problem of blood transfusions, our current system of information gathering, and the question of public education." The results of

the study have not yet been submitted to the Health Minister.

Although the disease has not yet been isolated, blood transfusions do pose a problem. Following the policy of her counterparts in the U.S., Bar Shani has openly recommended that homosexuals refrain from donating blood. Dr. Adler believes that the panic over blood products is entirely unjustified, though many are imported from the U.S. "Tens of thousands of operations are conducted in Israel every year," he argues, "and not a single case of AIDS attributable to transfusions has turned up." The disorder, he says, is extremely difficult to catch, and points out that many of its victims had engaged in sexual relations with hundreds of partners

week for three months beginning 6 October.

Information on the NORA courses can be obtained by phoning 052-558168, or writing NORA: POB 3174, Ramat Gan, 52130.

WOMEN interested in joining an English speakers' consciousness-raising group are invited to come to the Feminist Centre at 82 Ben Yehuda St. (Apt. 1), Tel Aviv next Monday, 19 September, at 8.30 p.m. The group will also meet on Monday, 26 September, and on Tuesday, 4 October, at the same time and address. New participants are welcome to join through the third meeting.

The groups will run for 12 to 15 sessions, each lasting two to two-and-a-half hours, and the participation fee is IS600. Please confirm your participation by calling Rina at the Centre, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 03-234314 or 234917. A.L.

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Women's news

Anyone interested in the do-it-yourself divorce form should write to Mitzvah, at P.O.B. 3186, Jerusalem, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and IS100 shekel. Two articles by Mandelbaum, "The Emperor's Clothes" (on the importance of a prenuptial agreement) and "Is It Blackmail or Ransom?" (on divorce litigation) are also available from Mitzvah at the same address and price.

Mitzvah's Tel Aviv office, at 1 Shilo Street, usually open every Tuesday afternoon, will be closed until October 18th.

THE STAFF at the NORA Study and Research Centre for Women has announced its programme of courses for the coming year. A course in assertiveness in interpersonal communication, taught by psychologist Rifka Nardi, will take place in weekly four-hour sessions beginning Sunday, 2 October. The course will be taught within a group framework — with an emphasis on personal experience — as will the course on problem-solving and decision-making, which begins Wednesday, 5 October and will be taught by another NORA staff member, social-worker Hadas Vasserzug. Both courses will last three months.

"Women in High Positions" is the subject of a course to be taught by the NORA staff which will begin in November, and other courses — on transitional periods (or "passages") in men's and women's lives, on women as heads of households, and on communication between men and women will be held beginning in February and May of next year.

In addition to the above courses for the general public, NORA is offering some aimed at professionals in the field of behavioral sciences. "New Approaches in Working with Women" is the title of the first of these courses, to be held once a

NA'AMAT has launched a campaign to encourage the election of more women to local authorities. Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of Na'amat, has reminded leaders of her own Labour Party that, according to the Party constitution, 20 per cent of the realistic places on its electoral list must be reserved for women. She has also talked to majority candidates and to heads of other party lists to try to convince them to get more women elected.

In an interview recently published in the Na'amat magazine, MK Prof. Shevah Weiss said the percentage of women elected to local authorities has actually declined over the years. He also said the women who are elected are often given unimportant jobs (such as being chairman of the Names Committee), and Na'amat is trying to address itself to this problem, as well, by encouraging would-be mayors and party leaders to ensure that women elected to local councils get to do things that

In July, Na'amat sent a questionnaire to mayors and local council chairmen asking them how many women they have on their councils now, and what they intend to do to improve the situation in the coming elections.

The questionnaire also asked how many women are serving as department heads in the local authorities, and what, if anything, they intend to do to attract more. The local leaders were also asked about services in their cities and towns for working women (day-nurseries, long school day, stores open in the evenings, etc.), and how they intend to improve these. Na'amat hopes the results of this survey will be available within the month.

COUPLES who agree between them on the terms of their divorce can file for it without the help of a lawyer or any other outsider simply by completing a form now available from Mitzvah, the League for Family Rights in the Courts.

In the form, the spouses are asked to list the ways in which they have tried to reach *shlom bayit* (reconciliation), including the names of rabbis, marriage counsellors, or other professionals they have consulted. They then list the agreements they have reached on such matters as child custody and property division.

When the form is completed, all that is left is to bring it to the Rabbinic and set a date for the divorce.

Mitzvah's founder Sylvia Mandelbaum, who devised the form, suggests that couples also take advantage of Mitzvah's volunteer mediators before deciding on divorce. Recently, a woman came to see Mandelbaum to say she wanted a divorce from her husband because he beat her. The physical signs of her ordeal were evident, and it seemed an obvious case for divorce. However, Mandelbaum summoned

Women's news

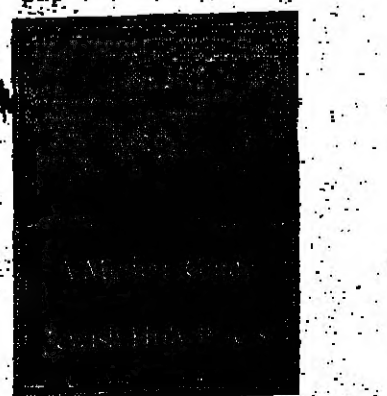
the husband and told him that Jewish law forbids wife-beating, and that he would be forced to divorce her. He began to cry and said he loved her. "I told him he must be crazy; if he beat her because he hated her, I would understand that, but if he loved her, why did he beat her?" Mandelbaum told the husband he had a month to save his marriage. "At the end of the month, the wife was supposed to call me. When she didn't, I called her and she said everything was wonderful and she did not want a divorce. A marriage counsellor or doctor would have never talked to the husband in the language he understood."

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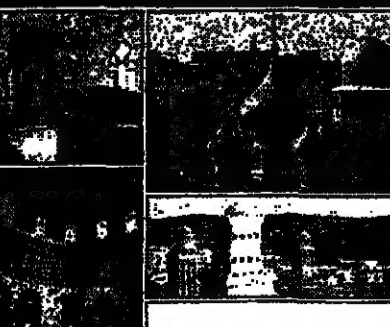
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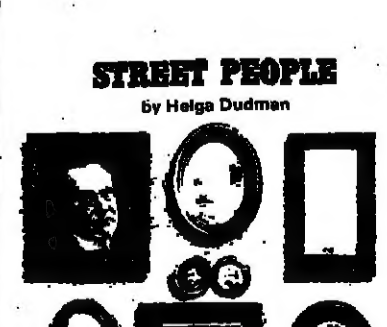
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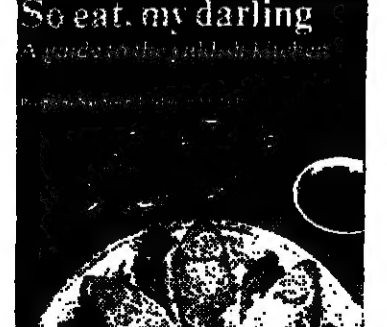
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Shamir waits for Begin

NOW THAT the new coalition package has been wrapped up by the Likud's candidate for premier, Yitzhak Shamir, there is nothing to stop Menachem Begin from submitting his official letter of resignation to President Chaim Herzog. Or so it would seem.

Yet for some strange reason Mr. Begin failed to take that simple step all day yesterday. True, for the past several days he was reported to have been indisposed. That is why he skipped the cabinet session on Sunday. But he could easily have despatched the letter to the president by messenger. Perhaps he was determined to submit it in person. He would not say.

Instead of clarifying the mystery for the benighted public, the premier's press adviser, Uri Porat, came out with the strange version yesterday that there was nothing the matter with the hard-working Mr. Begin, who had merely decided to take a few days' rest at home, and that, in any case, Mr. Begin could, if he so chose, delay his resignation for weeks on end. Oddly, Mr. Porat did not coordinate his act with the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Mattityahu Shmuelievitz, who told our reporter on Monday that Mr. Begin was suffering from a severe cold and had been weakened by a bout of influenza.

The press adviser is one of a group of aides to the outgoing premier who, for the better part of a year now, have been feeding the public falsehoods about Mr. Begin's depressed condition. They kept spinning their protective web of distortion around the premier even when it became clear that Mr. Begin had reached the end of the road.

Yet the consternation of his followers at the prospect of Menachem Begin departing from the political scene was not completely misguided. The coalition government that Mr. Shamir is about to set up if asked to do so by Mr. Herzog will be a pale imitation of Mr. Begin's own second cabinet, and the chances of its survival will be rather slim. The special concessions Mr. Shamir is reported to have made to Tami and Agudat Yisrael suggest that he will be encountering severe difficulties in dealing, as premier, with the Likud's smaller partners.

Mr. Shamir's main difficulty, however, is likely to stem from the presence within the cabinet of Ariel Sharon, a member of Herut's own ministerial contingent.

Mr. Begin committed an unfortunate error in deciding earlier this year, after the publication of the Kahan Commission Report, to keep Mr. Sharon in the cabinet as minister without portfolio. Mr. Begin must have assumed that Mr. Sharon would rather compromise his standing with the nationalist ultras by holding his tongue than his standing as a loyal cabinet minister by speaking out.

The assumption proved correct for several months. But now Mr. Sharon has virtually served notice that he is positioning himself, whether inside or outside the cabinet, as the leader of the ultras in the next battle for succession. This is the political meaning of his unbridled and unjustified attacks, both inside and outside the cabinet, during the past several days, on his successor at the defence post, Moshe Arens.

Plainly, Mr. Sharon does not think much of the cabinet that will be fashioned by Mr. Shamir after Mr. Begin finally hands in his resignation.

Double standard exposed

ISRAEL has no reason to take back its collective judgment, as reflected by the Kahan Commission, on its own responsibility, however indirect, in last September's massacres at Sabra and Shatilla. At the same time, this country has a justified case against the foreign media, even in the democratic lands of the west, which at the time focused, not to say feasted, relentlessly on the killings in Lebanon, and which are now exhibiting almost total inattention to the atrocities being committed by Druze and Christians against each other (mostly by Druze against Christians) in the Shouf.

Seemingly good reasons may be cited for the difference in media treatment then and now.

For one thing, in the Shouf, the media, not least the television cameras, are being denied access to the horrors, and can at best only report hearsay evidence. In the Shouf, too, there is no regular armed force present at the scene which could rightly be expected to stay the hands of irregular combatants who turned to the slaughter of innocents. Finally, the blood-bath in the Shouf may be said to reflect a standard of conduct different from what Israel applies to itself.

The fact, however, remains that hundreds of Lebanese, Christians and Druze alike, are known to have been murdered in the Shouf during the past several days without the western media bothering to highlight the monstrosity of it, let alone sit in judgment on the perpetrators. In the final analysis, this is a sin of omission for which there is no earthly justification, short of reading the Lebanese out of the human race.

The least that can now be expected is a worldwide demand spearheaded by the media, for the raising of the Druze siege of the Christian village of Deir al-Kamar, where tens of thousands of refugees are suffering from a grave shortage of food, water and medical supplies. There is no justification whatsoever to allow these desperate people, who have been spared the Druze gun and knife, to perish from hunger, thirst and disease.

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GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

ISRAEL'S domestic policy-makers divide in two: those who want to maximize welfare, and those who want to minimize public expenditure.

Dr. Israel Katz, former head of the Hebrew University's Social Welfare Faculty and later director-general of the National Insurance Institute, belongs to the former category. When he became labour minister, he opened a new chapter in social insurance by getting the Knesset to pass a measure called the Old-Age Care Insurance Law, in October 1980.

Old-age pensions exist already, but people do not stop aging at 65. In the course of time they may become incapacitated. They will need aid to wash, dress, prepare their food, clean the flat. Some have families to help them, others do not. Not all families can manage.

Dr. Katz's document was what Israelis call a "framework law." It lays down that as from April 1980 an extra 0.2 per cent will be contributed each month to national insurance, half of it from the workers and half from the employers, to finance long-term care for the aged.

What kind of care? A second bill is necessary to fill in the details. A committee was appointed three years ago in August 1980, to make recommendations.

The 23-member committee headed by Dr. Kalman Mann reported last May. Not surprisingly they found that a monthly contribution of 0.2 per cent (of the nation's income) was quite insufficient. Not that they ignored financial constraints, far from it. But human needs are also pressing.

They tried to translate the problem into figures. A study revealed that 90 per cent of the old-timers (men over 65 and women over 60) do not need aid. The rest already receive some, mainly from

SUPPORT SYSTEM

By DAVID KRIVINE

relatives. That should continue: the committee recommends that the first five hours per week of care and domestic help be provided or financed by the pensioner and his family.

That gets rid of persons with only a slight disability, those who as it happens do not require more than five hours a week of assistance. A minority remain, numbering at present 20,000, who very much warrant assistance under this scheme — on medical if not on economic grounds.

Cases are grouped by the report into three categories of need. The lowest category require between six and 10 hours a week of personal attention, or an average of 6.9 hours. They are to get the least aid because 6.9 hours, minus the five hours for which the state is not liable, comes to only 1.9 hours a week.

They will receive IS1,440 a month (I have up-dated the report's figures according to the cost-of-living index for July). This comes to 28 per cent of the total cost of the service needed.

Those who are more sickly rate more. Category 2 need (on the average) 16 hours of aid which, minus five hours, comes to 11 hours a week; so their suggested support payment is IS8,334 a month (69 per cent of the total cost). The third and

worst affected category need 27 hours gross or 22 hours net, and will rate IS16,740 a month (a respectable 82 per cent of the total cost).

ALL THAT should involve the National Insurance Institute in an outlay of IS1,620m. a year, to which should be added IS1,260m. for household aid, and another IS207m. for the development of the community and institutional services for the infirm: altogether IS3,087m.

But the 0.2 per cent increment made available under the framework law would provide much less than that — only IS828m. a year. Indeed the Treasury representatives on the Mann committee worked out their own scale of aid to keep within the limits of that sum.

According to their reckoning the first category would receive a mere IS783 a month (or 15 per cent of the total cost, instead of 28 per cent), the second category IS3,033 (25 per cent, instead of 69 per cent) and the third category IS10,350 (50 per cent, instead of 82 per cent).

That somewhat parsimonious proposal was not acceptable to other members of the committee. So how to mobilize IS3b, instead of IS828m.? Easy: step up the national insurance contribution from 0.2 per cent, as in the framework law, to 0.75 per cent, to be divided as follows: 0.25 per cent from the

workers, 0.25 per cent from the employers, and 0.25 per cent from the Treasury.

That is the first stage of the scheme. There is a second stage, to be introduced later when the country can afford it. It would involve helping families to finance the cost of institutionalizing their elders, should this become necessary. Nira Shamay, assistant director-general of the National Insurance Institute, and a member of the committee, explains: "At the moment the Health Ministry provides help, to the extent that it has the budget available. But tomorrow even that provision may be cut."

"What we recommend is to give the whole process a statutory basis. Any elderly person who needs a place in an institution should be granted the means under a specific law making the funds available." Included in Stage Two are also the supply of home-aid so that the aged person's family can take a much-needed holiday once a year; and allowances for making modifications in the beneficiary's dwelling if that is necessary for his proper functioning.

In the committee's view the benefits incorporated in Stage One ought to be universal and not subject to any income test. Enthusiasts for welfare policies find such financial probes demeaning.

How much Stage Two would cost the public is not stated, but the committee concedes that this time the benefits ought not to be distributed indiscriminately. There has to be an income test here, so that aid funds (in Stage Two) are confined to the truly necessitous.

A position paper signed by a minority of the committee's members — those who represented

the Finance, Health and Labour ministries — urges still more restraint. Existing agencies should be used, no new ones should be created. Benefits should take the form of services. Cash grants should only be approved in exceptional cases, and only where the money will be used to pay for those services.

Where institutionalization proves necessary the government's participation should be limited to 10 per cent, the object being to supplement existing facilities, not replace them.

The Mann committee report was submitted to Labour Minister Aharon Uzan, who promptly appointed a panel under deputy minister Ben-Zion Rubin to examine its recommendations. Conscious of the budgetary problem, and being reluctant to subsidize the rich, the panel urged that benefits in Stage One as well as Stage Two be limited to persons whose incomes are less than 1.5 the average monthly wage.

WITH ALL THIS trimming down, the project of care for the aged has got no further. Three months have elapsed, with no development reported; the subject appears to be in cold storage. The trend at the moment is towards cutting social expenditure — even the childbirth grant is at risk.

Yet the recommendations of the Mann committee would bring relief to situations of real hardship. Critics on the other hand wonder why Israel of all countries, with its deficits and its debts, should be the pioneer in a new branch of social insurance which, however worthy, other richer nations have not yet taken up.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Danger to democracy

By LEO GABOW

editor and publisher, letting the chips fall where they may, will print only the unvarnished truth, without fear or favour.

This notion has become somewhat tarnished by reality. It was probably never true, but the public in both Israel and the United States are pretty much aware of pressures upon the media — governmental, special interests, ideological, etc. News may be suppressed or slanted in response to these pressures.

Does this, then, deny the validity of the terms "free press" or "free media"? Not at all. For the terms reflect a principle, not a specific organ of communication.

In contrast to authoritarian governments, any individual or any group may start a newspaper or periodical which editorially opposes the government of the day and exposes anyone in government

who is perceived to be engaging in wrongdoings.

A political democracy is therefore a market-place of ideas in ferment, all seeking popular support. This freedom of expression can be found in probably less than 20 countries in the world and is a unique political phenomenon.

Excesses committed by the media are, in my opinion, minor in relation to the unique principle it expresses.

IN THE U.S., there have been similar complaints from American equivalents of Sharon and Milo. Every new administration embarks on a honeymoon with the media and ends by condemning the media for distorting the news and unfairly attacking government policy. Every cheat and power-hungry politician who is exposed, cries "foul" and, again, the media are condemned.

There can be no doubt that the

media is often biased; that it assumes an extraordinary amount of power by its capacity to create a climate of public opinion; that it does, in some cases, malevolently assail leading personalities; that it caters to special interests; that it often distorts the news consciously (witness the eagerness of Western journalists to accept PLO propaganda on the Lebanese war and present it as fact).

Despite these complaints, which I believe are legitimate, any efforts to control the media — short of applying the libel laws — would lead to consequences so far-reaching that these complaints would pale; for attempts to control the media would be tantamount to an attack on democracy itself.

Controlled media in the U.S. could not have exposed the U.S. government's disinformation campaign during the Vietnam War; it could not have exposed the My Lai massacre, and it could not have exposed Watergate, as well as a number of other grave improprieties.

Nor could controlled media in Israel have been able to present to its citizens the shenanigans of its government during the Lebanese War. It could not have provided the information that created a public climate that led to the Kahan Commission and the subsequent resignation of Sharon, et al.

DEMOCRACY IS a messy business. In terms of decades, its checks and balances diminish some groups and enhance others peacefully and in an atmosphere of freedom.

In this respect, the media, with all of their imperfections, play a role of considerable importance, indeed a pivotal one.

We can only hope that self-discipline on the part of those in the media will produce greater restraint and objectivity.

But never mind if it does not. Government-controlled media would be a tragedy that would transcend any sins committed by the free media.

This is not to say that public campaigns should not be mounted against media excesses. A great deal of power resides in the hands of readers and viewers if only they were to use it. But supporting groups that threaten control and censorship should be no part of the civil weaponry.

The remarks of Sharon and Milo — as well as their U.S. equivalents — should be properly condemned and dismissed. Democracies are fragile institutions, and we should not be using the cloak of "patriotism" to dig its grave.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE ACTIVITIES OF ENOSH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — It is surprising that the Retired Clinical Director of Brooklyn State Hospital and Chairman of the Mental Health Committee of the Humanist Society of Metropolitan New York should rush into print after scanning an interview in New York's Jewish Week on August 12, in order to pronounce judgment on ENOSH, Israel's prestigious first Mental Health Association (Dr. Nathaniel S. Lehrman's letter of August 31). Dr. Lehrman then proceeds to make a remote diagnosis and tears to pieces one of the finest and most successful efforts of self-help volunteer work in a field so far neglected, in far-away Israel.

Scanning the interview is probably all Dr. Lehrman did. Had he read it carefully, he would have discovered glaring contradictions between that article and his letter.

The facts about ENOSH are well known and appreciated by the entire mental health network of Israel, who gladly and gratefully cooperate with ENOSH in all its activities. Some circles, half-way between drop-in centres, recreational clubs and a nationwide information service focusing on patients' and patients' relatives. There are no "separate facilities" which threaten freedom.

ment their care" and the interview in the Jewish Week never mentions any. Instead, ENOSH focuses its activities on "creating platforms for professionals, volunteers, families and patients to discuss the current and future status of the mentally ill."

ENOSH organizes intimate home circles where patients' families meet to talk freely of their problems and discover how many people face similar ones. Members' meetings are addressed regularly by renowned psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, social security workers and hospital directors on specific subjects of interest to patients' families, who can then ask questions, often for the first time, and receive knowledgeable answers.

Is this "fragmenting care"? Is this liable to cause "distrust and demoralization"?

CHAITA RODNEY, Founder and Chairman, ENOSH

Tel Aviv.

CONTAMINATED FISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — The Great Lakes of New York State, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan are heavily polluted with asbestos, P.C.B., lead, mercury, cadmium and many more cancer-causing poisons from factories and mines. All fish from these five large lakes have caused a dramatic increase in cancer in areas surrounding the lakes.

The carp fishing industry is very important here. About eight months ago, the sale and provision of all fish from these five lakes were prohibited by law where possible. The carp fishing industry was in serious trouble because the Jews along the East Coast would not touch fish because of the cancer risk which could take 10 to 15 years to show up.

When I saw The Jerusalem Post article of August 13, about importing carp from the U.S., I knew where the carp came from. A.C. (Name and Address Supplied) Paterson, New Jersey.

QUESTIONABLE AD

red to the institutions which were set up to deal with them.

Jerusalem.

W. JAKOB MEIR

...AND CAPTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — A picture is worth a thousand words — yet your caption writer went and spoiled it.

The picture which appears on page 2 of your issue of August 30 portrays the four Agudat Yisrael MKs leaving the Prime Minister's office with the caption: "Not a barber shop quartet."

Cute? Sarcastic? Or biased?

MOSHE BRODETZKY

Jerusalem.

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